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... "The only way to harmonize war and the Bible is to substitute Moses for Christ; for in all Christ's sayings there is not one expression in favor of war."—*George Dana Boardman.*

... The January number of this journal will contain an article on "War and Parentage," by Dr M. L. Holbrook, editor of the *Journal of Hygiene and Herald of Health.*

... Mr. William T. Stead, editor of the *Review of Reviews*, has been making a tour of the European Capitals in the interests of the Conference proposed by the Czar.

... The French Peace Bureau, recently organized at Paris, has received a silver medal from the Exposition at Dijon, at which it had organized an exposition of all the French Peace Societies.

... The Synod of the Vaudois Evangelical Churches of Italy has taken official action in support of the Czar's manifesto, and has set apart a day for prayer for the early triumph of international peace.

... It is estimated at the Treasury Department that the cost of the war with Spain will, by the end of the present fiscal year, foot up two hundred and forty million dollars.

... Carl Schurz, in a speech against imperialism, in New York, on Nov. 3, says that if "we must dare to be great," we must first of all dare to be sane and honest and truthful.

... Senator Proctor, whose speech in the Senate last spring did so much to bring on war with Spain, now says that there is for the United States "no logical stopping place short of the whole of the Philippines." Cuban "humanitarianism" and imperialism seem to be closely akin.

... The protocol between Chili and Argentina for the settlement of the Puna de Atacama dispute, under which W. T. Buchanan, United States Minister to Argentina, is made arbitrator, was approved by the Chilian Congress on November 4th. All military preparations have been suspended.

... The new French premier, Dupuy, on taking office declared it the purpose of the ministry to maintain the supremacy of the civil power as the fundamental principle of a republican state.

... The treasury deficit for the month of November was ten millions and more, or about four millions less than for the preceding month.

... The so-called Cuban republic has ceased to exist, the officers having resigned their powers into the hands of a Cuban Assembly which has met to consider the future government of the island, and has appointed a Committee of five to have charge of affairs, and to visit Washington and consult with our government.

... Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, the efficient and indefatigable superintendent of the Peace Department of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, after a busy autumn of work in the Eastern and Central States goes to California for the winter.

... Late news from the East indicates friction between the Japanese and the Russians in Corea. Japan is said to be landing large detachments of troops in Corea with a view of driving the Russian forces out, because of the capture and shooting of Japanese officers by the Russians.

... Speaker Reed is reported to have said that some folks "seem to think that we can furnish canned freedom for all the heathen."

... The war tax is likely to remain among the permanent results of the war. It is among "our new possessions," a part of our "manifest destiny."

... The war investigators have got as far as Boston in their perambulations, but as yet they do not seem to have manufactured any lightning.

... In the farewell banquet given to him at Ottawa on Nov. 1, Lord Aberdeen, the retiring governor-general of Canada, devoted the most of his speech to the growing friendly relations between the United States, Great Britain and Canada. "It is, in the main," he said, "want of knowledge which produces want of friendliness."

... The "Peace Jubilee" to be held at Atlanta this month has been renamed and is to be a "Demonstration over our victorious Arms," or, as the people of the city propose to call it, "Atlanta Jubilee." It will doubtless be as far from a peace jubilee as its recent predecessors have been.

... A new commercial treaty between France and Italy has been drawn, granting mutual favors. The negotiations have been going on for two years.

... Hon. Robert P. Porter has been sent by the President as a special commissioner to Cuba and Porto Rico to study and report upon the business needs of the two islands.

... The mints of the world turned out, in round numbers, four hundred and thirty-eight millions of dollars in 1897.

Requiem.

BY IDA WHIPPLE BENHAM.

Ye solemn bells in the high belfry swinging
Muffled in weeds of wo,
Toll, toll! to the deep miserere ringing
From the groined aisles below!
Thou grizzled sexton, shake them to and fro,
Thy tremulous hands like birds that would be winging
Though tethered to the leash; O soft and slow
Sweep the long curves in cadence with the singing;
Toll!

Toll for the dead! toll for the dead—our brothers
And those they called the foe,
The thousand sons of mourning Spanish mothers,
Lost where the sea-winds blow.
Toll! let the tone reverberating wo,
The sob, the muffled grief that chokes and smothers,
From the deep silence of the belfry flow,
A requiem for our dead and for those others;
Toll!

Whose voice called to the Sword, "Be thou our master"?
 Whose breath was quick to blow
 War's smouldering coals into a wide disaster?
 Whose hands made haste to sow
 Hate's poisonous tares among the wheat to grow?
 What specious tongue was bold to gloze and plaster
 The front of truth lest men its face should know?
 Who led the sheep unto the wolf—what pastor?
 Toll!

Toll! toll, ye bells! for manhood's choice and flower
 Slain in the morning glow.
 Toll! let the knell roll from your ancient tower
 For joy and hope laid low.
 Toll, toll! 'twas man that dealt to man the blow!
 Would he had vindicated reason's power,
 Would he had overcome by faith! but no,
 The doves fly moaning from your ivied bower—
 Toll!

Enfield, England, June, 1898.

The Message of the Czar.

BY MARY C. FRY.

Listen! From a far land comes a word
 Deep, majestic, strong,
 'Mid the nations' fretful clamor heard,
 Sweeter than a song;

Echo of that angel song of old,
 Singing peace, goodwill,
 Angel voices, tuned to harps of gold,
 Singing, singing still.

'Tis a note of kingly might and love,
 Smitten from the strings;
 'Tis a message sent of God above
 To earth's mightiest kings.

God can move the hearts of proudest kings,
 Touch their lips with grace,
 Send their words upon the swiftest wings,
 To their chosen place.

To Nicholas II.

BY KATHERINE HANSON AUSTIN.

"Te Duce, Caesar."

[*Quintus Horatius Flaccus Ad Augustum.*]

With bated breath the nations stand.
 Our hearts salute the wondrous word
 Wherewith, O King, thy lips are stirred,—
 A word more potent than command.

Articulate at last, it sounds
 The hope of millions waiting dumb,
 Blindfold and baffled.—Lo! we come!
 We know our leader. Hate hath bounds,

But love is boundless. Hate shall cease
 In aeons yet beyond the dawn
 Wherein our lifted eyes are drawn
 To seek far-shining, sacred Peace.

The Tolstoï Fund.

IN AID OF THE PERSECUTED DOUKHOBORTSI IN RUSSIA.

NEW YORK, October 25th, 1898.

Count Leo Tolstoï, whose seventieth birthday has recently been celebrated, writes to a correspondent in this country urging the raising of funds to aid in the emigration of the oppressed Doukhobortsi. These people—thrifty, industrious farmers, some ten thousand in number—form a protestant sect whose tenets resemble those of the Quakers. Their only offense is their refusal from conscientious scruples to serve in the Russian army. For this reason they have been repeatedly exiled from one part of the empire to another, and so persecuted and maltreated by the government officials that their position in their own country has become intolerable. With much difficulty they have obtained permission to emigrate to foreign lands, and steps have been taken to settle them, temporarily at least, in the Island of Cyprus, but it is hoped that they may eventually reach America. There is urgent need of funds to enable them to take advantage of the privilege to emigrate which has been accorded to them. A committee has already been formed in London to raise money for this purpose, and the undersigned have been constituted a committee to co-operate with them in America. It seems appropriate that such money as is collected should be offered to the Doukhobortsi through Count Tolstoï, and that in honor of the seventieth anniversary of his birth, it should be called the Tolstoï Fund. This cause lies close to the heart of the distinguished Russian and nothing could give him greater joy than its success. We appeal to all of our fellow-citizens who believe in liberty—in the freedom of man to abstain from taking up arms against his brother man—to contribute as they may be able to this worthy object.

Contributions of any amount may be sent to ISAAC N. SELIGMAN, ESQ., Treasurer of the Committee, Mills Building, New York.

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The Peace Meetings at Turin.

The peace meeting in connection with the annual meeting of the Society of the International Peace Bureau, at Turin, Italy, from the 26th to the 28th of September, was attended by forty-seven delegates representing thirty-nine European peace societies. The *Herald of Peace*, whose editor was present, says that the meetings, which took the place of those of the annual peace congress, "were of a very useful and earnest character."

The meeting opened with a great gathering in the Hall of the University on Sunday morning, September 25. The Turin Peace Society had arranged this meeting to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Count Sclopis, the president of the Geneva Court of Arbitration. Addresses were made by Signor Luzzati, a distinguished barrister of Turin, who gave a historical ac-